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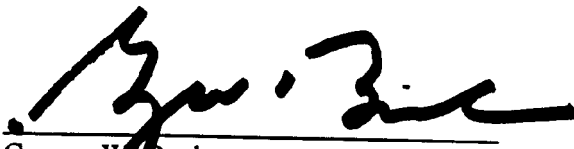
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto Senate Bill No. 1355 because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 1355 poses a major public health threat by prohibiting state and local health authorities from requiring food service personnel to avoid bare-hand contact with exposed food. This poses the threat of serious viral and bacterial contamination of food, and would prevent public health officials from responding to a crisis such as a Hepatitis A outbreak, which has occurred in neighboring states. The Bill contains numerous worthwhile provisions. The vast majority are already being implemented, are implemented under other legislation from this session or can be implemented under existing statutory authority.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1997.


George W. Bush
Governor of Texas